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Press Release

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The City of Norman will be hosting the fourth in a series of eight planned Public Forums on sustainable water resources for our future on February 18, 2010. The topic of this fourth forum will be the role of Lake Thunderbird in Norman's water supply and the operation of the reservoir by the Central Oklahoma Master Conversancy District (COMCD).

There will be discussion regarding Lake Thunderbird (who owns it, who manages it) as well as the water shed (how much water runs into the Lake, how can we effect the quality). The Bureau of Reclamation will discuss how much sustainable water is available and options for augmenting or adding water from an external source to the lake.

All citizens of Norman are invited to attend and explore long term solutions for our drinking water needs. Come join your neighbors, community leaders and experts in the field of Oklahoma drinking water to discuss solutions and alternatives for Norman's drinking water for the next 50 years. These public forums are open to everyone with an interest in water and Norman's future.

The forum will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 201 W. Gray Street. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will last approximately two hours.

The forums will be broadcast live on Channel 20 and rebroadcast periodically throughout the series. Each of the eight forums is open to all, but the City would encourage your commitment to attend as many meetings as possible in order to gain full understanding of our water needs and future. Please call the City of Norman Utilities Department at 366-5443 to reserve your place at these meetings. Informational packets regarding each meeting will be provided.